

## REMARKS

Claims 1-6, and 21 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the July 6, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 4-6, and 21. The Examiner objected to FIG. 7 and FIG. 14 because the figures need a "prior art" label. The Applicants have enclosed redlined versions of FIG. 7 and FIG. 14, and provided a replacement FIG. 7 and FIG. 14 labeled "Prior Art". The Examiner objected to the specification because of certain informalities. The abstract of the specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's remarks. The Examiner objected to claims 1-3 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's remarks to overcome this objection. Claims 2 and 3 continue to depend directly from claim 1.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

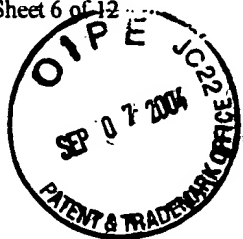
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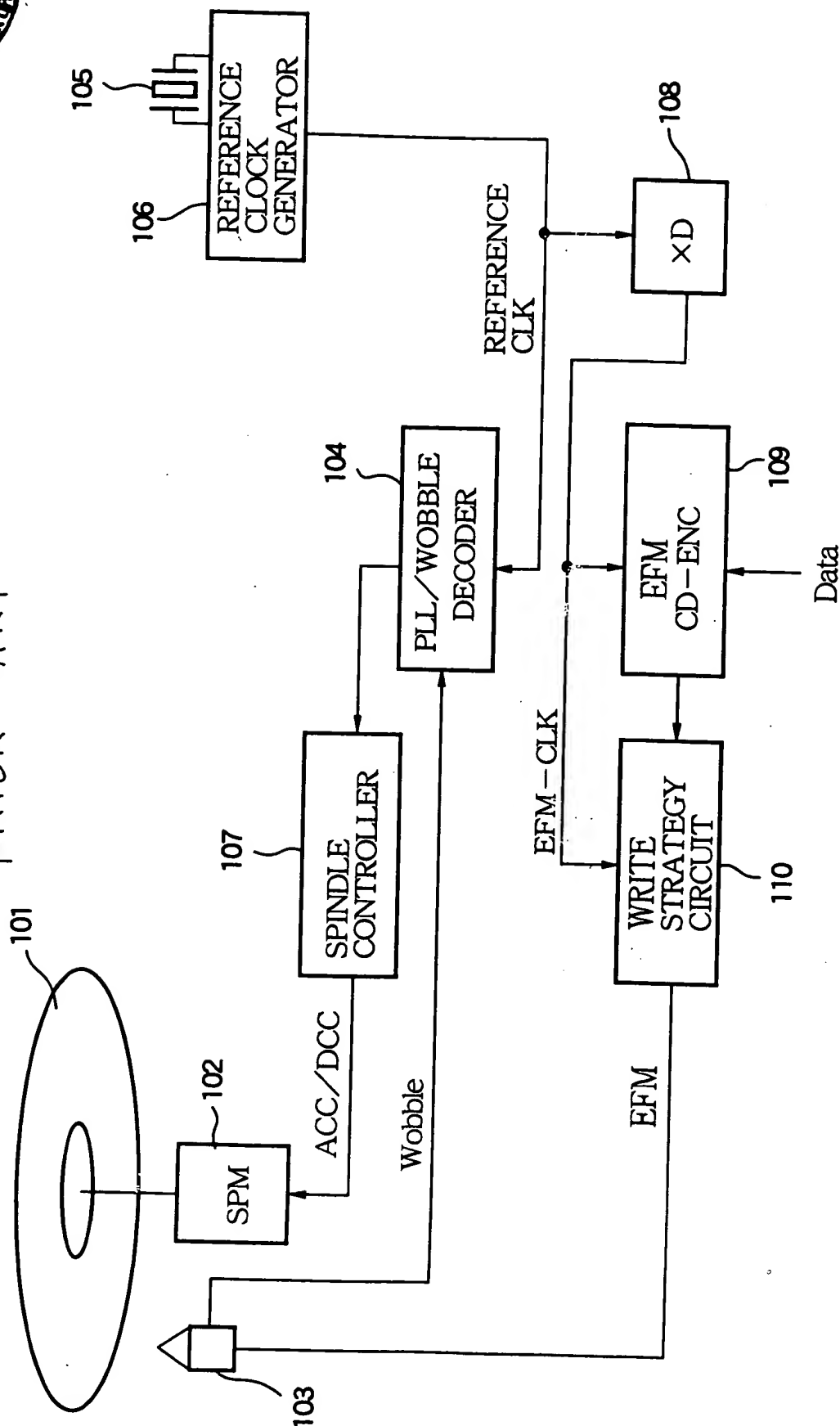
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FIG. 7  
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FIG.13 (a)

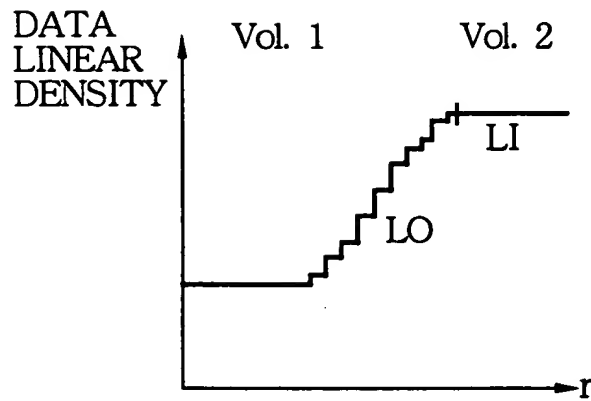


FIG.13 (b)

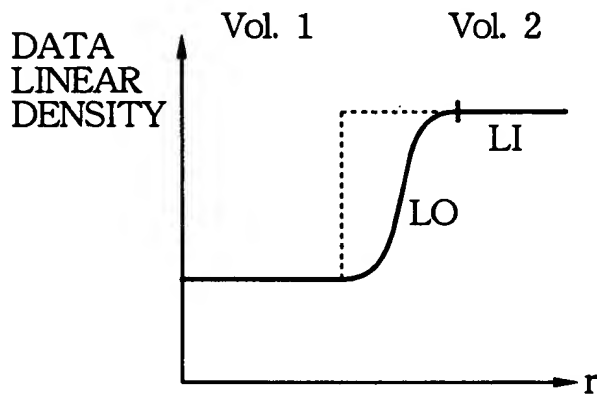


FIG.14

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